- recognizing and maintaining a set of positive examples for training, the set of positive examples including at least one subset, each subset including a plurality of members sharing a same respective value of a given feature in the feature space, the given feature being one that has been determined in advance to be a dominant feature in the feature space; and

- selecting a set of negative examples for training, the set of negative examples including at least one respective subset of negative examples, the members of the respective subset of negative examples being selected to have a value of the given feature that is approximately adjacent to same respective value.

25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the given feature is time of day, and adjacent means either within an hour before or within an hour after.

26. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein each respective subset of negative examples corresponds with a respective one of the at least one subset of positive examples, so that its respective value of the given feature is adjacent to the same respective value of the corresponding subset.

REMARKS

Herein, Applicants have amended claims 16 and 20.

Applicants respectfully submit that they have answered each issue raised by the Examiner

and that the application is accordingly in condition for allowance. Allowance is therefore

respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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